

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the following remarks. Claims 1-20 are currently pending in this application, of which claims 1 and 11 are independent. In the Final Office Action dated November 1, 2007, the Examiner objected to the specification for not listing application numbers for the related applications and the Examiner rejected claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication No. 2005/0114778 ("*Branson*") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,995,101 ("*Clark*").

In response, Applicants have amended the specification to include application numbers for the related applications and have amended claims 1 and 11. No new subject matter has been added. Support for the amendments may be found, for example, at page 19, paragraph [076]. Applicants submit that amended independent claims 1 and 11 and their dependent claims 2-10 and 12-20 are allowable over the combination of *Branson* and *Clark* under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

More specifically, amended claims 1 and 11 each recite, among other things, "alert the user to an event, wherein the event is associated with two sources of information including a first source for structured information accessible through a database and a second source for unstructured information that is stored in one or more file formats." In rejecting claims 1 and 11, the Examiner relied exclusive on *Branson* to show association of the alert event with both "a first source for structured information" and "a second source for unstructured information." Office Action, page 2. In particular, the Examiner contended that "successive levels of text messages with increasing assistance detail levels are considered as a structured data information." Office Action,

page 2. The Examiner additionally contended that immediate display of the same text messages out of sequence at “a higher detail level is considered as unstructured information.” Office Action, page 3. Contrary to the Examiner’s contention, Applicants submit that the text messages of *Branson*, whether displayed successively or out of order are still from the same source of information. In contrast, amended claims 1 and 11 recite that “the event is associated with two sources of information including a first source for structured information accessible through a database and a second source for unstructured information that is stored in one or more file formats.” Therefore, at least because *Branson* appears to only show a single source for the same type of text messages, *Branson* fails to disclose or suggest the above recitation of amended claims 1 and 11.

Moreover, at least because *Branson* is exclusively used to show both sources of structured and unstructured information, while *Clark*, as pointed out by the Examiner, simply shows “storing of information in one or more files formats” and does not mention providing both sources of structured and unstructured information associated with the event, the combination of *Branson* and *Clark* at least fails to show or suggest the above limitation of amended independent claims 1 and 11.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that amended claims 1 and 11 are not obvious in view of the combination of *Branson* and *Clark* under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Dependent claims 2-10 and 12-20 depend from claims 1 and 11, respectively, and are, therefore, also allowable over the combination of *Branson* and *Clark* under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) at least due to their dependency.

Applicants respectfully request that this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 be entered by the Examiner, placing claims 1-20 in condition for allowance. Applicants submit that the proposed amendments do not raise new issues or necessitate the undertaking of any additional search of the art by the Examiner, since all of the elements and their relationships claimed were either earlier claimed or inherent in the claims as examined. Therefore, this Amendment should allow for immediate action by the Examiner.

Furthermore, Applicants respectfully point out that the final action by the Examiner presented some new arguments as to the application of the art against Applicants' invention. It is respectfully submitted that the entering of the Amendment would allow the Applicants to reply to the final rejections and place the application in condition for allowance.

Finally, Applicants submit that the entry of the amendment would place the application in better form for appeal, should the Examiner dispute the patentability of the pending claims.

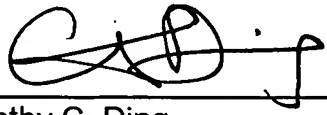
In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants submit that this claimed invention, as amended, is neither anticipated nor rendered obvious in view of the prior art references cited against this application. Applicants therefore request the entry of this Amendment, the Examiner's reconsideration and reexamination of the application, and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and
charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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